

REMARKS:

Claim 1 was presented for examination and was pending in this application. In an Official Action dated August 23, 2004, claim 1 was rejected. Applicant thanks Examiner for examination of the claim pending in this application and addresses Examiner's comments below.

Applicant herein cancels claim 1 and adds new claims 2-21. These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner reconsider the outstanding rejection, and withdraw it.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention of U.S. Patent NO. 6,654,865. Applicants have canceled claim 1 and therefore this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicant has added new claims 2-21 for which Applicant requests consideration and examination. Applicant respectfully submits that these are supported by the specification and are commensurate within the scope of protection to which Applicant believes they are entitled.

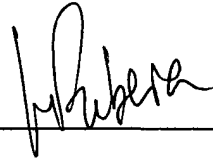
In sum, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 through 21, as presented herein, are patentably distinguishable. Therefore, Applicant requests consideration and allowance of these claims.

In addition, Applicant respectfully invites Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the number provided below if Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

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